Cyanide	absent
Lead (as Pb) mg/l (not more than)	0.05
Chromium (as Cr)—mg/l (not more than)	0.05
Mineral Oil	absent
Chlorides (as Cl)—mg/l (not more than)	2200
Sulphates (SO 4)—mg/l (not more than)	250
Alkalinity (as HCO 3)—mg/l (not more than)	600
Yeast & mould count	absent
E. coli	absent
Salmonella and Shigella	absent
Clostridium Welchi, C. Botulinum	absent
Bacillus cereus	absent
Vibreo cholerae and V. Parahaemolyticus	

Outbreak of T.B. in the country

210. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an outbreak of T. B. in some parts of the country, particularly in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for which this silent killer is increasing fast, despite steep increase in the funds for T.B. Eradication Programme, 90 crores this year; and

(d) the details of the emergency plan, the Government have, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

National Illness Assistance Fund

211. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA:
SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National Illness Assistance Fund has been astablished;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many persons have received assistance from this fund since its creation and on what grounds; and

(d) what is the procedure for getting help from this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Please see Statement enclosed (*see below*)

(c) The fund has been set up recently and the applications received for direct financial assistance are under scrutiny.

(d) Please see Statement enclosed (*see below*).

Statement

Details of National Illness Assistance Fund

(b) National Illness Assistance Fund (NIAF) has been set up vide Ministry of Health & F.W. Resolution dated 15.1.97 which has been published in the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) Part I Section I (No. 9). It has been provided in this scheme that every State/UT (with Legislature) may set up an Illness Assistance Fund which shall be a registered society. The donation received by this society from State Govt./UT Admn. will be supplemented by a Grant-in-aid from Central Govt. to the extent of 50% of the